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THE REVIVAL

Meetings to Begin Next Sunday at Louisa

Will be Non-Sectarian and Will Have Only the Needs of Louisa at Heart.

All arrangements are being perfected for the union revival meetings which are to begin at the court house in Louisa on next Sunday morning. Rev. Walt Holcomb and wife and the singer, Mr. Ragsdale, will arrive here Saturday.

With slight exception the people of the various churches are joining heartily in the effort. Those who are taking the most active part in the preparations request us to emphasize the fact that this is to be a meeting solely for the benefit of the town and not for any particular church or churches. Sectarianism is not to enter into the meeting in any degree whatever. Everybody who is willing to join in the work in this broad spirit is invited and urged to do so. This appeal is to all who want to see the redemption of the un saved people of Louisa.

The court room will be provided with all the extra seating facilities that it will accommodate. Two services will be held each day, one beginning at 9:30 a. m., and the other at about 6:30 p. m. As large a choir as can be made up from local talent will be used.

The people generally are looking forward with much interest to this meeting and expecting great results. Rev. Holcomb is an earnest, enthusiastic preacher and is accomplishing a great deal of good wherever he goes. It is hoped and believed that the Louisa meeting will be no exception.

Jake Patrick Allowed \$1200.

The House Claims Committee favorably reported the bill of Representative Langley, providing for the payment of \$1,200 to Jake Patrick, of Salyersville. A few minutes after the report of the bill Representative Langley learned that Patrick had died several days ago at Lawrenceburg, Ky. The coincidence was especially commented upon, owing to the similarity of the case with that of Capt. John H. McBrayer, the Anderson county, Ky., distiller, who died on Friday, the same day Representative Johnson secured the passage of a bill relieving him of the payment of \$20,000.

Patrick, in whose benefit Representative Langley's bill was favorably reported, was an internal revenue employee. Two years ago he was injured by being thrown from a horse in line of duty and the circumstances were such as to justify the committee in allowing him a year's salary. His mother, the widow of the late Capt. Reuben Patrick, survives him and Mr. Langley will seek to have her made the beneficiary.

PIKE COUNTY KILLING.

John M. Hopkins Fatally Shot by Chas. England.

Pikeville, Ky., March 8.—Late yesterday afternoon, at Shelbyana, John Morgan Hopkins, a most prominent citizen, was shot twice and fatally wounded by Charles England, as the result of a grudge. England accused Hopkins of cutting a rope which loosened a boom belonging to the former in some of the waterways, and indicted Hopkins for same at the last term of the Circuit Court. This is what the trouble that led to the shooting arose over. The officers were telephoned for to this place, and Deputy Sheriff Grant Phillips and F. C. Scott went to the scene last night and brought England in. England was, however, getting ready to come to Pikeville to surrender, and is now being held under guard awaiting his examining trial, which is likely to prove quite sensational. We learn that Hopkins died this morning.—Ashland Independent.

Quarterly Meeting Saturday Evening

Rev. B. F. Goetting, P. E., will hold the regular quarterly meeting services at the M. E. Church South on Saturday evening of this week. He will preach at the usual hour the place of the quarterly meeting usually held on Sunday, the change being made because the revival services are to begin on next Sunday morning. The people are urged to come out to the meeting on Saturday night. Quarterly conference will be held at the close of the regular services.

In Memory of Ulrich Miller.

I would like to ask permission to say something in your columns about the life and death of our esteemed friend Ulrich Miller, whom I knew for many years. That sainted old German settled on the head of Bear Creek near the close of the Civil War. The land there was considered poor, rough and almost worthless. But that good Christian man, aided by his family of industrious, honorable, temperate members, cleaned up those rough lands and put them in grass, turning them into profitable fields. They planted orchards and erected comfortable dwellings and lived on the fat of the land. The fact is, God seemed to bless this man in his home and out of his home. He blessed him with a noble family of children that revered the father and mother. We think these good old people in family reverence occupied very much the same relation as did old father Abraham and Sarah. All this was due to a careful religious training. Ulrich Miller was a true Christian, a man of no uncertain sound. His faith was strong and he let his light shine. No one who knew him could help being attracted by him, although he was a plain, unassuming man. He was not only a Christian on Sunday, but on every day. Words fail us in attempting to describe the virtues of this noble man. Only the judgment will reveal his greatness. The community, the church, and his family have sustained an irreparable loss, but his influence will live to bless this people for years to come.

J. F. HATTEN.

Date of Circuit Court in Doubt.

There is some doubt as to the time the April term of the Lawrence Circuit Court will be held. The regular date is the 4th Monday in next month, but a bill to change the time to the second Monday is before the Legislature and will probably pass, but its passage is not certain, and the clerk of the court is in a quandary, not knowing exactly what to do. In any event the existing uncertainty is almost sure to cause some disturbance of the proceedings.

THE FIRST DEED

Ever Recorded in Lawrence County is Copied Herewith.

The first deed or conveyance of land ever recorded in the county of Lawrence was made by Richard Chambers to Jarrett See. It was made on the 25th day of March, 1822, eighty-eight years ago. It is quaint in its phraseology, and is presented to the readers of the NEWS verbatim, copied from page 1, Deed Book "A", Lawrence County Court:

"This indenture made and entered into by this, the 25 day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, between Richard Chambers, of Lawrence county and State of Kentucky, of the one part and Jarrett See, of the same county and state aforesaid, of the other part: Witnesseth, that the said Richard Chambers on his part hath this day, for and in consideration of the sum of fifty dollars, good and lawful money of Kentucky, to him in hand paid by the said Jarrett See before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, given granted bargained, sold, conveyed and delivered unto said Jarrett See a certain tract or parcel of land situated lying and being in the county of Lawrence and State of Kentucky and bounded as follows, to-wit:

"Beginning at David Jarrett's line at the mouth of Rockcastle Creek, thence up said Rockcastle Creek with the meanders to a drain opposite to where John Cox now lives, thence up said drain following the right hand fork to the line of creek land that said Chambers bought of Thomas Price and with said Price land to David Jarrett's line and thence with said Jarrett line to place of beginning, more or less, to have and hold unto the said Jarrett See and his heirs forever free from the claim or claims of all and every person or persons whatever, shall, will and do forever warrant and defend title to the said Jarrett See and his heirs and all singular the aforesaid premises.

"In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this date above written.

"RICHARD CHAMBERS." The deed was acknowledged before the County Clerk, Joseph R. Ward, whose certificate is about the same as is now used.

The Virginia a Total Loss.

The river packet Virginia, which stranded during the high water at Willow Grove, W. Va., forty miles above Gallipolis, has broken in two and will be a complete loss.

The steamer went into a cornfield during a heavy fog, and when the waters receded was left high and dry. The boat was owned by the Pittsburg and Cincinnati Packet Company and was valued at \$40,000.

Burial of Mrs. B. P. Cassidy.

Mrs. Ben Cassidy, whose long and painful illness has been referred to in the NEWS, died in the hospital at Salt Lick, Rowan county, on Wednesday night last. The body was brought to Louisa for interment, Mrs. Cassidy having been at one time a resident of this city, and having on her sick bed expressed a wish that she be buried here. Accompanied by her husband and three brothers, Messrs. C. R. Horton, of Mt. Sterling, and I. N. and J. L. Horton, of Campton, Wolfe county, the body arrived here on Thursday night and was taken to the residence of W. M. Justice.

At one o'clock on Friday afternoon the remains were carried to the M. E. Church South where the solemn services for the dead were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. W. L. Reid, who also spoke briefly and fittingly, touching the occasion which had brought out the large assemblage. When Mr. Reid had finished the Rev. H. B. Hewlett, who had been the pastor of Mrs. Cassidy when she lived in Inez, spoke in high terms of the life and character of her who lay in the casket before him. At the conclusion of the church services the body was taken to Pine Hill cemetery and there interred.

Mrs. Cassidy lived in Louisa several years ago and was much liked by all who knew her. She was a quiet, unassuming woman, of high christian character and many virtues. Even at that time she suffered much with a complication of diseases, but was always cheerful, ready to help those who were in need of aid. Mrs. Cassidy lived in Olive Hill the last few years of her earthly pilgrimage, and from there she was taken to the hospital where she died. Her death was a happy release from much suffering, and was the triumph of those who fight the good fight of faith.

Mrs. Cassidy was born near Mt. Sterling, Ky., and lacked but a few days of being 44 years of age. She left no children.

Another Big Deal for Mayo.

The following news item from Frankfort is going the rounds of the press:

Frankfort, Ky., March 7.—One of the largest deals in Eastern Kentucky coal lands reported in some time has just been closed by John C. Mayo, the Eastern Kentucky millionaire. Mr. Mayo disposed of a tract or rich coal fields lying adjacent to a railroad which Eastern capitalists are building through the territory for the neat sum of \$1,300,000. The price was handed to Mr. Mayo in one fat check, according to information received here.

The work of developing the field will be rushed by the new owners. What makes it particularly nice for Mr. Mayo is the fact that he owns thousands of acres of coal land equally as fine on the other side of the railroad which is being built, and all of the improvements and development done by the new owners of the field will make Mr. Mayo's other holdings just that much more valuable.

Serious Accident Near Fort Gay.

A very painful and serious accident caused by the bursting of an emery wheel occurred near Fort Gay on last Saturday. It happened at the mill of William Plymale, on Queen's Creek, a tributary of Big Hurricane, and the sufferer is Anthony Plymale, William's son. He was sharpening a tool on the wheel when without warning it burst into many pieces, one of which struck young Plymale in the face, inflicting a horrible wound. The bone over the right eye, the right side of the nose and the right upper jawbone, are badly broken and the flesh covering them is very much torn. Several pieces of the cheek bone had to be removed before the ghastly wound could be finally closed and dressed. Dr. A. W. Bromley, of this place, was called and he rendered the necessary aid.

Charged With Arson.

Charged with arson in the burning of his own store, Massey Curtis, a Huntington merchant, and Isaac Gillespie are prisoners in the jail, having been held without bail at a preliminary hearing.

Curtis is said to have confessed that he paid Gillespie \$50 to set fire to the building, thus corroborating a previous confession made by Gillespie. Inasmuch as the building was also occupied by a family the penalty in the case may be death.

Fine Hogs Shipped Here.

Prof. J. B. McClure has received from a well known breeder in Wisconsin two fine Poland China pigs, with full grown and vigorous pedigrees entitling them to be "registered." They will be kept on his farm near Louisa. Good stock is what our farmers need for profitable production.

Lizzie, the 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cavern, of Adeline, died a few days ago after a brief illness caused by pneumonia. She was buried at Buchanan. She was a niece of Mrs. John Stump, of Louisa.

STEAMER SUNK.

Geraldine on the Bottom of Big Sandy.

Towboat Struck a Raft Just Below Louisa and Punctured Her Hull.

The steamer Geraldine sank at this place last Sunday shortly after noon. She had been up Tug and was returning to the mouth of the Big Sandy when the accident occurred. The river was very high and full of timber rafts, and on account of back water from the Ohio there was scarcely any current. In going through the dam the stern of the boat "side swiped" one of the rafts, which tore a big hole in the side of the boat near the stern. She immediately began to fill and was headed for the Kentucky shore. She reached land just in front of J. Q. Lackey's when she went to the bottom where she now lies, her bow high on the shore.

The extent of the damage cannot be ascertained until the river falls considerably. She had neither freight nor passengers when the accident happened, and the crew were unhurt, no damage more than a wetting following the mishap. It is said that the man at the wheel when the boat hit the raft was under the influence of whiskey at the time.

The Geraldine is owned by Dr. J. M. York, of Huntington, and was valued at \$6,000. It is said that she was insured for \$3,000. She was 132 feet long, with a tonnage of about 75 tons. She was a stern wheeler, used principally for towing. Sunday was a beautiful day, and it is estimated that at least five hundred people visited the scene of the wreck.

Death of Mrs. J. R. Dean.

Mrs. Dean, the widow of Judge J. R. Dean, died at her old home on Big Blaine last Sunday night after a long and painful illness caused by a complication of diseases and the usual infirmities of advanced age. Mrs. Dean was 86 years old. Surviving her are two children by a former marriage, Scott Grubb and Mrs. James Allison; Dr. L. B. Dean, of Whites Creek, W. Va.; Stant Dean, Mrs. Mart Hays, Robert Dean, Mrs. John Graham, of Lewis county, Mrs. James Barrett and Gus Dean, of Ohio.

Mrs. Dean's name was Walters, she being a daughter of Robert Walters, in his day one of the most prominent men of the Blaine country. She was a most excellent woman, a faithful wife, an affectionate mother, a good neighbor, a consistent christian and a friend of the poor and distressed. The memory of this venerable woman will long be held in reverence by all who knew her, and by those to whom she had so often ministered with kindly hands she will be held in grateful recollection.

Mrs. Dean was buried on Tuesday in the graveyard overlooking the home over which she had so long presided, loved and respected by all.

Negroes Notified to Leave.

Concerning the alleged danger of a war between the races at Pikeville, which was announced in press dispatches sent out from that town the latter part of last week, a gentleman from that section stated yesterday that all danger at present seemed to have passed by, but that it would be difficult to predict what the future might bring forth. He said that there had been a very strong feeling stirred up among the white people over the attempt of the negro to murder attorney Cecil, but the white people had wisely decided to act deliberately and take no immediate action. However, he stated that notice had been served on the colored people of the town to the effect that they should move out within sixty days, or there would be some trouble. The gentleman who claimed to be in a position to judge of the nature of the case said that should the colored people fail to act upon the notice given them there would be some serious trouble, unless there should be a decided change of sentiment before the sixty days time expired.—Catsburg Tribune.

Mrs. A. M. Campbell's Bridge.

A very pleasant function was the bridge party given on last Monday afternoon. The masculines were conspicuous because of their absence, but this was their decided loss. Mrs. Campbell always gracious and attractive, was never more so than on this occasion. The visiting ladies were Mrs. M. G. Watson, of Huntington, and her guest, Miss Laura Hazleton, and Mrs. J. C. Thomas.

Mont Goble Seriously Ill.

The following from the Cincinnati Enquirer of recent date will be read with interest and regret by the many Louisa friends and relatives of Mr. Goble. He is a native Louisian and related to many of our citizens:

"Monte J. Goble, cashier of the Fifth-Third National Bank, is desperately ill at his home on North Crescent avenue, in Avondale, suffering from an abscess of the head. Two operations have been performed by Drs. Pauly, Holmes and Samuel Allen and the physicians will today determine whether or not a third operation will be necessary.

"Mr. Goble has been at home ill for a week, an attack of grip first taking him there. Later the trouble in the head developed. This the physicians first thought could be handled easily but the knife revealed that the abscess was more serious than first diagnosed.

"Mr. Goble has been in the local banking district for about ten years coming here from Eastern Kentucky. About a year ago he married Miss Bradley, of Avondale, the wedding being one of the notable social events of the season."

New Engineer Takes Charge.

Captain John C. Oakes, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., arrived in the city yesterday morning and at once assumed charge of the Second Cincinnati District, which includes the works and improvements on the Big Sandy, Muskingum and Kentucky rivers. He succeeds Col. James G. Warren, who for several years has had charge of the Ohio river and its tributaries.

However, the latter have always been in a separate branch of the district, but after the promotion of Col. W. J. Russell, Col. Warren was placed in charge of both. Captain Oakes has been in charge of the harbor work at Galveston, Tex., for more than three years past. He is a native of New York City, and graduated from West Point in 1897, so that it can be seen his rise has been rapid. He ranked as among the ablest of the younger members of the corps of army engineers.—Enquirer.

WM. CUMMINGS DEAD.

His Life Ends Soon After Reaching Florida.

Mr. William Cummings, whose critical illness at Jacksonville, Fla., was noted in the NEWS last week, died in that city some time last Thursday. Upon the reception of the news J. C. Adams, of Catsburg, a brother-in-law of the deceased, left for Florida, arriving in Ashland with the remains Tuesday morning. The burial occurred in the Ashland cemetery, the services being conducted by the Rev. Dr. Condit, of the Presbyterian Church, in the presence of a large concourse of people. Among the relatives attending the last rites were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Adams and daughter, of Catsburg; L. T. McClure and wife, and son, of Delaware, O.; E. E. Shannon and wife, Earl McClure and wife and Arch. McClure and Mr. and Mrs. John Cummings, of Louisa. Three of Mr. Cummings' children were also in attendance.

Mr. Cummings was born in Cincinnati and was 59 years old. For many years he lived at Old Peach Orchard, this county, where his parents, William Cummings and wife lived and where the remaining brothers and sisters were born. He was an active contractor, engaging in business until ill health demanded a stop. He had not been entirely well for several years, but he kept going as long as possible. He was in the South in search of health when the fatal seizure came. He left five children.

A Delightful Affair.

That is what the favored ones call the party given by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hughes at their beautiful home on last Tuesday evening. Whist—the dear old delightful sort devoid of pretty speeches and devoid of "doubling" and "bridging"—with flinch who preferred the thrilling features of that pastime, entertained twenty people until quite a late—or early—hour. Toothsome cake, a delicious ice, and fragrant coffee satisfied the palate. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thomas and the Misses Hazleton were the visitor-guests.

March 17th.

"St. Patrick was a decent man and came from decent people," runs the old song, but it's dollars to doughnuts that the weather next Thursday will be anything but "decent." The anniversary of the birth of Ireland's patron saint is usually a stormy day, but March this year is behaving so unusually well that the weather for this occasion may be pleasant.

By the by, what has become of the groundhog cranks? There were but fifteen cold days in February, and so far none in March. Forty-two cold days were promised by the prophets, but they are going to be "shy"—a good many.

Narrow Escape From Robbery.

"The deliberate robbery of S. W. Walters, one of the most prominent merchants of Prentissburg, Ky., was prevented here last night by a well known citizen, who became wise to the contemplated crime through the overheard conversation of a Catsburg negro, Guy Scott, who had the old man in tow," says the Huntington Herald-Dispatch. "The two came here from Catsburg on an early car and were en route the negro kept his arm around the old man in a disgustingly familiar manner, telling him he was an 'honest nigger' and he needn't fear losing any money, and that as soon as Huntington was reached he could get 'that thousand dollar check cashed,' and they would have some fun."

"When they reached Ninth street they got off, the negro almost forcing Walters to leave the car. They walked down Ninth street to the alley near Third Avenue, where they stopped in the dark and took a drink from a bottle the negro carried. They proceeded from there to a Third Avenue saloon, closely followed by the citizen who overheard the negro talk. From the saloon Scott took Walters to a negro dive in the alley between Eighth and Ninth streets and Second and Third avenues, where a nickel was dropped in the piano. Scott sat down on the old man's lap, and was just slipping his hand around to the old man's pocket, it is alleged, when the police burst into the room and took both to headquarters. Scott was locked up and Walters gave bond for his appearance this morning."

"Walters had flashed a check for a thousand dollars in the negro's sight while in Catsburg, where he had gone to purchase goods, and Scott got him here while drinking, under the belief that he still had the check on him. Walters had been too wise for that, and before leaving had placed the check with a friend to be deposited in the morning. He only had \$10 and some checks for small amounts in his pockets at the time."

"Walters is a highly educated man, speaking seven different languages fluently. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and is an unusually brilliant old gentleman. At headquarters last night he met Judge Bryan, with whom he discussed interesting topics of a widely varied character for some time."

Corn Growers' Associations.

Commissioner of Agriculture M. C. Rankin has announced the first list of places and dates at which Corn Growers' Associations will be organized in Kentucky within the next few weeks. The finest Boone county white seed corn to the amount of three bushels at each place where an Association is organized, will be distributed free by the Department of Agriculture. In the fall the corn growers will participate in a corn show, and prizes will be awarded for the best ears. The counties, towns and dates chosen for the organization of the Association are as follows:

Knott county, Hindman, April 2.
Magoffin county, Salyersville, March 22.
Boyd county, Catsburg, March 24.
Martin county, Inez, March 26.
Carter county, Grayson, April 8.
Elliott county, Sandyhook, April 11.
Greenup county, Greenup, March 29.

HEAVY PENALTIES

Inflicted on Liquor Sellers in Lawrence Circuit Court.

The called term of the Lawrence Circuit Court adjourned on Saturday last. As before stated the session was called for the purpose of trying some whiskey cases, 28 in number. Of these 12 were tried and various penalties inflicted. Bootleggers and sters of this genus are much concerned in this matter, and it is really predicted that one or two more sentences of fine and imprisonment will do lasting and salutary good.

The fines assessed approximate \$600. One man, Pless Skaggs, was fined nearly \$500 and given jail sentences aggregating about two years. The jury also specified that he should be placed at hard labor on the public highway.

Dave Williams was also fined and sentenced to jail with a hard labor penalty attached.

Any man who thinks he can sell liquor in violation of law in Judge Hannah's district and escape punishment has very poor judgment. He will lose so much time serving out jail sentences that the business will not be profitable.

The NEWS acknowledges the reception of "The Highlander," the Rev. R. B. Neal's new Pikeville paper. "Opposing Saloonism, Mormonism, Sectarianism; advocating Prohibition, Truth and Primitive Christianity," its "Aim is to be good and to do good." We hope its aim will be accomplished.